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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR HKG ACUPUNCTURE CLINIC: HKG QUERY

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1. CONCERNING INQUIRY BY CONSULATE GENERAL, NIDA DOES NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR DEATH OR INJURY WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM THE PROJECT. LIABILITY IS CUSTOMARILY LOCATED WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION.

2. SOME OF THE ITEMS WHICH NEED NOT BE ADDRESSED ARE THOSE REGARDING SMALL BUSINESS REPRESENTATION, BUY AMERICAN CERTIFICATES, CLEAN AIR AND WATER CERTIFICATION, EMPLOYERS IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND SO FORTH. HKG SHOULD USE ITS OWN DISCRETION IN DECIDING WHICH ITEMS IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DO NOT APPLY.

3. HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS ONLY COMMITTED TO THE PROJECT AFTER SIGNING CONTRACT FORMS WHICH WILL OCCUR AFTER THE CONTRACT IS NEGOTIATED WITH NIDA. AT THAT TIME, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL COMMIT ITSELF ONLY TO THOSE ACTIVITIES SPECIFIED IN THE CONTRACT FOR THE TIME FRAME SPECIFIED IN
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THE CONTRACT.

4. THE POSSIBILITY OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RECEIVING

LUMP SUM PAYMENTS FOR PROJECT RATHER THAN MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT IN ARREARS CAN BE DISCUSSED AT TIME OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN ANY EVENT, VOUCHERS WILL BE NECESSARY TO DOCUMENT ACTUAL EXPENDITURES.

5. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT HKG SHOULD KEEP LISTING OF COSTS BY THEIR STANDARD VOUCHER SYSTEM AND BILL AGAINST CONTRACT ON HONG KONG GOVERNMENT LETTERHEAD TO NIDA.

6. WE APPRECIATE COMPLEXITIES OF CONTRACTING PROCESS AND WOULD URGE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO RESPOND WITH A PROPOSAL AND BUDGET ASAP. ANY DIFFICULTIES OR DEFICIENCIES CAN BE RESOLVED PRIOR TO OR DURING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NIDA AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WHICH IS THE NEXT STEP. KISSINGER

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